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IN THE CLAIMS

- 1 (Original). A method comprising:
- receiving a request for a portion of a file system by a client;
 identifying whether the portion is stored in a first location associated with
 portions of the file system that have been previously stored by the client; and
 if not, determining whether the portion is stored in a second location associated
 with portions of the file system that were streamed to the client by a server.
- 2 (Original). The method of claim 1, further comprising retrieving the portion from the server if not stored in the second location.
- 3 (Original). The method of claim 1, wherein identifying further comprises associating portions of the file system used by the client during start-up with the first location.
- 4 (Original). The method of claim 1, wherein determining further comprises associating the second location with portions of the file system that were streamed to the client using a multicast operation.
 - 5 (Original). The method of claim 3, wherein associating further comprises:
 monitoring accesses to a plurality of portions of the file system during start-up;
 retrieving the plurality of portions from the file system; and
 storing the plurality of portions in the first location.
 - 6 (Original). The method of claim 4, wherein associating further comprises: retrieving a plurality of portions from the file system using multicasting; and storing the plurality of portions in the second location.
- 7 (Original). The method of claim 1, further comprising waiting for the portion to be streamed to the client if not stored in the second location.

8 (Original). A system including:

- a processor;
- a storage medium including a software program that, upon execution:
- scans a first location associated with portions of a file system that have been previously stored by the system; and
- scans a second location associated with portions of the file system that have been streamed to the system by a server.
- 9 (Original). The system of claim 8, wherein the first location is a non-volatile storage medium.
- 10 (Original). The system of claim 9, wherein the non-volatile storage medium is a flash memory device.
- 11 (Original). The system of claim 8, wherein the second location is a volatile storage medium.
- 12 (Original). The system of claim 11, wherein the volatile storage medium is a memory device.
- 13 (Original). The system of claim 9, wherein the first location comprises portions of the file system used by the client at start-up.
- 14 (Original). The system of claim 9, wherein the second location comprises portions of the file system retrieved using a multicast operation.
- 15 (Original). The system of claim 9, wherein the software program, upon execution, retrieves the portion from the server if not stored in the second location.
- 16 (Original). The system of claim 14, wherein the contents of the second location are procured as a background operation.

- 17 (Original). An article comprising a medium storing instructions that cause a processor-based system to:
- receive a request for a portion of a file system by the processor-based system; identify whether the portion is stored in a first location associated with portions of the file system that have been previously stored by the processor-based system; and if not, determine whether the portion is stored in a second location associated with portions of the file system that were streamed to the processor-based system.
- 18 (Original). The article of claim 17, wherein the medium storing instructions is a flash memory device.
- 19 (Original). The article of claim 17, further storing instructions that cause the processor-based system to retrieve the portion from a server if not stored in the second location.
- 20 (Original). The article of claim 17, further storing instructions that cause the processor-based system to determine whether the portion is stored in a second location associated with portions of the file system that were streamed to the processor-based system by a server using a multicast operation.
- 21 (Original). The article of claim 20, further storing instructions that cause the processor-based system to wait for the portion to be stored in the second location by the multicast operation.
- 22 (Original). The article of claim 17, further storing instructions that cause the processor-based system to determine the contents of the first location by monitoring access of the file system during a predetermined time period.
- 23 (Original). The article of claim 22, wherein the instructions that cause the processor-based system to determine the contents of the first location by monitoring access of the file system during a predetermined time period are executed once.

24 (Original). The article of claim 17, further storing instructions that cause the processor-based system to:

determine whether the portion will be stored in the second location within an allotted time period; and

retrieve the portion from a server if not stored in the second location within the allotted time period.